

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for loading a graphic onto a computer comprising the steps of:

entering a search term associated with the graphic into the computer;
directing communications between the computer and a selected one of a plurality of graphic libraries;
identifying the graphic in the selected graphic library based on the search term;
communicating information associated with the graphic from the selected graphic library to the computer;
displaying the information at the computer;
selecting the graphic based on the information; and
responsive to selecting the graphic, loading the graphic onto the computer from the selected graphic library.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the directing step comprises configuring software to communicate with one of a private graphic library on a local-area network and a public graphic library on a wide-area network.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the directing step comprises writing an address for the selected graphic library into a configuration database associated with an operating system of the computer.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the directing step further comprises changing a wide-area network address to a local-area network address in the event that the selected graphic library comprises a private graphic database on the local area network.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information comprises metadata.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the graphic library is located inside a firewall of an enterprise.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the selected graphic library is located at an intranet site, and wherein the identifying step comprises generating a document associated with the graphic and transmitting the document to an active server page of the intranet site.

8-14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the following steps:

- pointing to an address on an enterprise network;
- sending a graphic search request for a graphic to the address;
- receiving metadata associated with the graphic from the address in response to the graphic search request;
- sending a request for the graphic to the address based on the received metadata;
- and
- receiving the requested graphic.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the pointing step further comprises setting a registry key.

17. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein the address comprises an active server page and wherein sending the graphic search request comprises sending an extensible markup language document to the active server page.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, further having a computer-executable instruction for performing the step of placing the received graphic on a drawing page.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, further having a computer-executable instruction for performing the step of receiving a uniform resource locator of the requested graphic, wherein receiving the requested graphic comprises downloading the requested graphic according to the uniform resource locator.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 19, wherein the enterprise network is a private network, and wherein the uniform resource locator locates the graphic on a server in the private network.